

## 670 NEW MEMBERS ENROLL IN B. M. C.

MEMPHIS BUSINESS MEN'S CLUB  
PREPAREDNESS CAMPAIGN IS  
CLOSED WITH LUNCHEON.

### RESULTS EXCEED HOPES

Judge Davis of Coffee County Reported  
To Be In Congressional Race,  
Tennessee News From Many  
Points.

Memphis.—With 670 new members and an added annual revenue of \$32,000 for the next year, and \$16,000 thereafter, the Business Men's Club preparedness campaign closed here on the 8th with an enthusiastic luncheon at the club.

Although the goal was 1,000 new members, F. N. Fisher, president; John M. Tuther, secretary, and other officials of the organization said the week's work exceeded their anticipations. The spirit of success pervaded the diners that 10 captains of teams volunteered to continue the campaign and expect to get at least another hundred new members.

Lucius B. Wilson, campaign director for the American City Bureau, who supervised the preparedness campaign, left for Holyoke, Mass., to resume direction of an agricultural campaign in the New England states, but J. O. Stevenson and Sam Wilson, assistant directors, remain here to help develop the program for the coming year's work and to co-operate with the 10 captains who will continue membership work.

### DAVIS FOR CONGRESS.

Circuit Judge Will Contest Houston's  
Seat in Fifth District.

Manchester.—The announcement of Judge Ewin L. Davis of Coffee county for congress from the fifth congressional district bids fair to precipitate the biggest political fight that the district has known since Judge William C. Houston was first elected in 1904.

Judge Davis is recognized as one of the leading jurists of the state. In his circuit more money has been collected for the past several years than it has taken to operate the courts—a record which has been equaled by no other circuit in Tennessee, according to the report of the state comptroller.

Judge Davis, as the Democratic presidential elector for this district in 1904, established a statewide reputation as a debater. The congressional committee will, in all probability, call a primary for the nomination of the congressional candidate for Aug. 8. Immediately after the meeting of the committee, it is expected that Judge Davis will launch his campaign in earnest.

### SUFFERING AND WANT.

Horrors of Big War Never Been Told,  
Says Victim.

Jackson.—That the picture of suffering, want and near starvation in Belgium, as presented by the press of this country, is not overdrawn, is the statement of Algine Woods, Jackson boy, who has returned from the scene of battle on the French border line. For a year and a half he served under the British flag and would perhaps be fighting still were it not for the fact that he was dismissed after receiving bullet wounds in both hips and a saber wound in his body.

Young Woods claims that the Germans fear bayonet fighting; that the story of rapine and murder in the war zone has never been fully told; that the horrors are almost unendurable.

He will not return to the scene of battle. He has already accepted a position in New Orleans.

### KILLS STEPDAUGHTER.

Think Anger Brought on Death of 22-  
Year-Old Girl.

Knoxville.—Dora Frye, aged 22 years, was killed by her stepfather, William Nimmo, who is in the city jail, and who is said to have confessed his guilt to the police. It is said that the killing was either in a fit of rage or premeditated, for Nimmo is said to have made threats to kill the girl and then himself. He is also said to have admitted to immoral relations with the girl, and to be the father of her baby. A knife was used, with which the girl's head was almost severed.

The little child had pushed a chair across the kitchen. Nimmo took the chair away from the child, and when the mother protested, is believed to have grabbed the knife and, in a fit of rage, killed her.

### Suggests Motor Truck Corps.

Nashville.—A motor truck corps of expert drivers and mechanics as a preparedness move has been suggested to Adj. Gen. Roran by H. K. Avery, former president of the Memphis Associated Jitneys.

"This phase of our militia has been woefully neglected," he insists. "When the United States army crossed into Mexico after Villa it was necessary to requisition a large number of skilled automobile truck drivers. In case of a real war what a pitiable state we would be in without capable men."

### HONESTY IN BUSINESS.

Judge McCall Scores Shady Methods  
in Charge to Jury.

Nashville.—Dishonesty in business was scored here by Judge John E. McCall of Memphis in his charge to the federal grand jury.

He said that one thing that ought to be checked is the idea among a number of business men that they must succeed in their undertakings at any cost. It is all right to want to succeed, he said, but a man should want success by honest methods. The crime of perjury was also scored by the judge, who said this offense was widespread.

Judge McCall called the attention of the grand jury to the laws against the sale of moonshine, and said he had handled criminals of this class very vigorously in West Tennessee.

He called special attention to the banking laws. He said that the directors of a bank are primarily responsible for the conduct of the bank, and that with honesty and competency it is impossible for a bank to cause a loss to its patrons. He scored bankers who accepted deposits knowing at the time that the bank was insolvent.

### VETS TRAMP OVER SHILOH.

Observe Fifty-Fourth Anniversary of  
Famous Battle.

Selmer.—The fifty-fourth anniversary of the memorable battle of Shiloh was appropriately observed on the Shiloh National Military Park April 7. In the Shiloh Church, which stands on the spot where the old Shiloh Church stood, two patriotic addresses were delivered by Revs. Duncan and Whitaker.

The afternoon was devoted to sight-seeing and the soldiers were driven over the park, and many deeds of prowess were recalled. The spot on which Gen. Johnston died and Prentiss Circle, where the Confederate monument will be erected, were places of unusual interest.

On the program was Rev. E. C. Cummins of Cairo, Ill., chaplain of the survivors of the battle of Shiloh, who delivered an address.

### To Meet On April 26.

Dresden.—The Weakley county I. O. O. F. Association will hold its tenth annual meeting in Dresden on April 26, which is the anniversary of the order in America, this date being celebrated throughout the Union by Odd Fellows.

Ex-Mayor John A. Paschall is president of the association and W. W. House is the secretary. A large delegation of Odd Fellows and Rebekahs is expected, besides the state grand officers are expected.

The subordinate lodge will do competitive work in the first degree, the association awarding a handsome banner to the team doing the best work, and the Rebekahs will contest for a banner doing their work in the I. O. O. F. hall. The Dresden I. O. O. F. lodge is the fifth oldest in the state, having been organized by two gentlemen who rode horseback from Nashville to Dresden for that purpose in September, 1848. The lodge held meetings all during the Civil War.

### After Seat in State Senate.

Jackson.—Eugene Fulghum, West Tennessee manager of an insurance company, has announced his candidacy for the state senate from Madison, Chester and Henderson counties, subject to the action of the Democratic primary or convention. The method of nominating has not yet been determined.

### Declared Democratic Nominee.

Chattanooga.—Judge John A. Moon, present congressman, was declared the Democratic nominee for congress from the third Tennessee district by the executive committee, no other candidate having entered the race. This dispenses with the necessity of a nominating primary. The Republicans will not name a candidate until after the August elections.

### Leaguers at Harriman.

Harriman.—Epworth Leaguers of the Holston conference, Methodist Episcopal Church, met in annual convention in the First Methodist Episcopal Church April 13, continuing in session through Sunday morning. The opening address was delivered by the Rev. Richard M. Millard, pastor of the Methodist Episcopal Church, Athens. His subject was "The Epworth League's Share in the World Task."

### Completing Arrangements.

Chattanooga.—Women here are busily engaged in completing arrangements for the twentieth annual convention of the Tennessee Federation of Women's Clubs which will convene here May 3, 4 and 5. Besides the excellent program, which is almost completed, many delightful social affairs have been planned for the visiting club women.

### Would Protect Game.

Nashville.—Following authorization from the United States bureau of biological survey, State Game Warden W. D. Hoser has requested sportsmen's associations, game protectionists, farmers and other persons to send recommendations in writing concerning proper open seasons, "having due regard for the maturity of the birds." The letter from the United States bureau states that "it is a settled policy that the open season in any one state shall not exceed three and one-half months' duration."

## GERMANS ATTACK LINE NEAR VERDUN

THE FRENCH EVACUATE THE  
BETHINCOURT WEDGE ON  
APRIL 8TH.

### ENTER FRENCH TRENCHES

From That Position the Teutons Were  
Immediately Ejected Through a  
Counter Attack, Says French  
Official Dispatch.

Paris.—The French evacuated the Bethincourt salient April 8 and the Germans attacked with great violence their new line from Avocourt to Cumleres, but were repulsed with sanguinary losses.

Only at one point, northeast of Avocourt, did the Germans succeed in entering the French trenches, and from this position they were immediately ejected through a counter-attack, according to the French official communication. The communication says:

"In the Argonne our artillery concentrated its fire on the enemy's communications. Our heavy batteries during these operations shelled a sector in the neighborhood where important troop gatherings and columns on the march were observed in the region of Montfaucon and Nantillois.

"Near Hill 285 we exploded a mine, which crumbled the enemy's trench for quite a considerable length and destroyed a small post.

"To the west of the Meuse a violent battle, which lasted the entire day, was engaged in on the whole of the front from Avocourt to Cumleres and even spread to the eastern bank of the river.

"The premeditated evacuation of the Bethincourt salient, which was carried out on the night of April 8, has enabled us to establish a continuous line, beginning at the Avocourt corner and running along the first woody slopes to the west of Hill 304, then along the southern bank of the Forges Brook to the northeast of Haucourt and reaching our position a little to the south of the crossing of the roads of Bethincourt-Esnes and Bethincourt-Chattancourt."

### BARNES NOT RECONCILED.

Attacks Roosevelt — Denies Report  
Would Not Oppose Colonel.

New York.—William Barnes, formerly chairman of the Republican state committee, in a statement issued here attacked former President Roosevelt and denied a published report that he would not oppose the nomination by the Republican party of Mr. Roosevelt for the presidency.

"This year," Barnes asserted, "the periodical candidacy of Mr. Roosevelt for president of the United States is based upon Americanism, and such sporadic support as he is receiving comes from his declaration in behalf of proper national defense.

"Mr. Roosevelt is not responsible for my natural phenomenon, nor has he a patent on the obvious. That this country should be properly defended, as it is not defended now, is not open to debate."

### WOULD DESTROY BRIDGE

Wholesale Conspiracy Plot in Shanghai  
Is Discovered—Two Merchants  
Arrested and Jailed.

Vancouver.—Newspapers received here aboard the Empress of Russia give details of a plot recently discovered in Shanghai on the Manchurian railway connecting with Russian territory and the placing of bombs aboard the steamship Empress of Russia before she left on the trip just ended.

Details of the original plot for the supply of several thousand, ammunition and automatic pistols to a raiding vessel in the service of the Germans came out when two Shanghai merchants named Abbas, father and son, were arrested. The rifles were seized, the elder Abbas sentenced to 15 years' imprisonment and his son to two years.

### Revolutionaries in Possession.

Amoy, China.—Revolutionaries have the entire city of Swatow in their possession. The native population is reported to be panic-stricken, as they fear an attack by government troops from Canton. The American gunboat Wilmington is protecting foreign interests at Swatow. The commander of the warship and the American consul are co-operating to prevent fighting in the foreign property area if an attempt is made by government troops to recapture that city. The rebel forces are well disciplined.

### Bring Metal Back to Paris.

Paris.—Lieut. Com. Wm. R. Sayles and First Lieut. Bernard L. Smith, naval attaches of the American embassy, have returned from a tour of investigation into the destruction of the channel steamer Sussex, which took them to Boulogne, to naval headquarters at Toulon and to the British admiralty in London. Fragments of metal found on board the Sussex being compared with bronze torpedoes used by the Germans are now in possession of the French and British naval authorities.

## TEN VILLA MEN ARE KILLED

Report Fight Several Days Ago Between  
Detachment of Carranzistas and Villistas.

Queretaro, Mexico.—The Mexican government has not given the American government permission to use Mexican railways for any purpose whatever, said Gen. Candido Aguilar, Mexican minister of foreign relations, after a meeting of the Carranza cabinet.

At the cabinet meeting Gen. Carranza and his advisers discussed the modifications suggested by the United States in the recent proposals for an agreement for crossing the frontier between the United States and Mexico by the armed forces of the respective governments. Gen. Aguilar said:

"The Mexican government has not given the American government permission to use Mexican railways for any purpose whatever."

El Paso.—Francisco Villa was definitely located at La Boquilla April 7, in a code message received here from Torreón, Mexico. La Boquilla is 55 miles southeast of Satevo and about an equal distance north of Parral.

The message said that the bandit had been at Santa Rosalia two days, and from there had turned west to La Boquilla. Santa Rosalia is on the Mexican Central railroad, 80 miles southeast of Chihuahua City. Some millions of American dollars are said to have been invested in the Santa Rosalia mines and smelter, but the place has been practically deserted since Mexico's present troubles began.

From Santa Rosalia a short spur of the Central railroad runs west to La Boquilla, about 20 miles distant. The latter place is the site of the famous Galentine Hot Springs, a health resort which rivaled the most celebrated spas of the continent in the days of Porfirio Diaz. Like Santa Rosalia, it has been deserted for the last two years.

Gen. Luis Gutierrez, commander of the Carranza troops in Chihuahua, has made a report of a fight which occurred several days ago between a detachment of Carranzistas and Villistas near Cienguillas. This is just south of Satevo. Ten Villistas are said to have been killed and two taken prisoners.

More than 10,000 are employed in the unfruitful but necessary task of guarding the circuitous trains over which the line of communication winds southward from Columbus.

## MEET IN CHICAGO JUNE 7

Convention Officers Are Chosen—Party  
Leaders Discuss Informally Possible  
Presidential Candidates.

Chicago.—Plans for the National Republican Convention, which will open in Chicago June 7, were completed here on April 7 at a meeting of the subcommittee on arrangements with the selection of Senator Harding off Ohio for temporary chairman.

Senator Harding was chosen for the place by a unanimous vote on the first formal ballot, after an hour's discussion of various men suggested. Other convention officers chosen were:

Temporary secretary, LaFayette B. Gleason of New York; chief clerk, D. Edward Monroe of St. Louis; official reporter, George L. Hart, of Roanoke, Va.; sergeant-at-arms, William F. Stone of Baltimore; chief assistant sergeant-at-arms, Edwin P. Thayer of Indianapolis; chief doorkeeper, John J. Hanson, of Baltimore.

The meeting attracted to the city numerous state committee chairmen and other party leaders, who discussed informally possible presidential candidates and issues. Recent reports that Col. Roosevelt had indicated a willingness to accept the presidential nomination of the party formed the basis of several impromptu conferences.

### Killed in Battle With Officer.

Del Rio, Texas.—Private John Wade of Company C, 24th Infantry, a negro regiment, was killed here by State Ranger Barler, when two rangers and Sheriff Almond attempted to arrest 16 negro soldiers, who had created a disturbance in a house in the restricted district. Three negroes attacked the officers while the latter were taking them to jail. Wade jumped on Ranger Barler, pressing him to the ground and clubbing him on the head with the butt of his revolver. Lying on his back, Barler drew his pistol and fired over his shoulder at Wade, killing him instantly.

### Fight Near Verdun Unabated.

Paris.—The battle around Verdun is proceeding with unabated fury. To the west of the Meuse a bombardment of increasing intensity is reported in the French official communication issued. Pierce German attacks were delivered against the French front south of the Forges brook, but, although the Germans suffered serious losses, the French line between Le Mort Homme and Cumleres remained unbroken. In the region of Roye a strong enemy reconnaissance was dispersed by French rifle fire just north of Andechy.

### Mrs. Anna Busch Dies.

Los Angeles.—Mrs. Anna Busch, a sister of Mrs. Adolphus Busch, of the wealthy St. Louis family of brewers, died in the Pasadena Hospital, following an illness of two months. With her when she died were her two sons, Otto S. and Frank S. M. Busch, leading representative of the great brewing concern, and her daughter, the Baroness von Kleydorff.

Mrs. Busch was 73 years old. Her home was in Berlin, Germany, but when the war broke out she was in France and could not reach Germany.

## NEWS OF THE WEEK FROM OVER WORLD

HAPPENINGS IN OUR OWN AND  
OTHER COUNTRIES  
BRIEFLY TOLD.

### SHORT ITEMS FOR BUSY MEN

Week's News Condensation Reviewed Without Comment—All  
Nations Find Something to  
Edify and Instruct.

Miss Elsie Fathers, daughter of Mayor James A. Fathers, and Charles Carr were killed at South Janesville, Wis., when their automobile was struck by an interurban car.

Ray Biggs of Waukesha, Wis., has placed a piano in the stable back of his undertaking establishment at Waukesha for the sole accommodation of his horses.

Andrew Groess of Laclede, Mo., a grocer, was shot and probably fatally wounded by William Ausmus, a farmer.

A motor ambulance unit for the Russian army, the gift of prominent Americans, will be formally turned over to the Russian government.

Mrs. Lillian Dieber and her two young daughters were suffocated in a fire which swept the Dieber home in Detroit.

Five child performers were burned to death on the stage of the Garrick theater, at Hereford, England.

A poll of the Republican members of the New York legislature shows 94 out of 129 favor Hughes for president. Col. Roosevelt and Senator Root were hardly mentioned.

Charles Thompson is mining gold in the back yard of his home in South Bandon, Ore., following the finding of three gold nuggets in the craw of a chicken he cleaned for the family's dinner.

A big observation balloon which broke from its moorings at the navy aviation station, Pensacola, Fla., and floated away unoccupied, descended at Argyle, Fla., 100 miles northeast.

Five hundred shell makers in the plant of the Westinghouse Electric and Manufacturing company, at Philadelphia, are on strike for increased wages and double pay for Sunday work and overtime.

Gen. N. I. Ivanoff has retired from the command of the Russian armies in Volhynia and Galicia.

A bill authorizing the president to promote Col. George A. Dodd to the grade of brigadier general was introduced in congress.

Proje Menchure, his wife and brother-in-law and three children were murdered at Saskatoon, Canada, their homes and farm buildings were burned and their horses and cattle shot.

Gen. Carranza, head of the de facto government, issued a decree calling for a new issue of paper money, not to exceed \$500,000,000, to substitute for the present issue.

Lawrence (Kan.) barbers raised the price of hair cutting to 35 cents. University of Kansas students who objected were told that the war has caused a raise in prices of barber supplies.

Arthur Thomas of Marion, Ill., 30 years old, was killed in a fight and Brooks Bond, 21, was arrested. He is alleged to have killed Thomas with a blow of his fist.

Benjamin R. McGuire, a lawyer of Brooklyn, N. Y., was named presiding bishop of the Reorganized Church of Latter Day Saints.

The French government has conferred on Mrs. Edith Wharton, authoress, the Legion of Honor for her relief work in behalf of French war sufferers.

An Amsterdam dispatch says that Vice-Admiral Dick, director of the shipyards department of the German navy, has been retired on pension.

The German government expropriated coffee, tea and chicory and appointed a commission to regulate their distribution.

The first married men under the group system were called up by the British war department. They range from 25 to 32 years of age.

President Wilson plans to occupy "Shadow Lawn," the summer home in New Jersey offered him by the people of the state.

Military training for pupils in high schools in Peoria may become a reality as a result of a resolution authorizing a poll of parental sentiment throughout the city.

Appointment of L. F. Fletcher to succeed A. J. Reno as deputy warden at the Leavenworth penitentiary has been announced.

Two thousand of the 8,000 miners in the Allegheny and Kiskiminetas valleys who struck for the recognition of the newly formed union gained their point and have returned to work.

Fragments, supposedly of a torpedo, which were discovered on the cross channel steamer Sussex have been forwarded to Washington by Ambassador Page.

The tank steamer San Cristobal was destroyed by fire at Puerto, Mexico.

Representatives of the United Mine Workers and the mine operators in Iowa and Missouri met in Des Moines to formulate a new wage scale.

The municipal gas plant established about 50 years ago was formally relegated to the scrap heap on April 1. The increasing use of natural product and electricity was assigned as the reason for dismantling.

Five hundred candy manufacturers have petitioned the interstate commerce commission for a general readjustment of rates to all points west of the Mississippi river.

Joseph Black, a negro, was taken from jail at Kingston, N. C., and lynched by a mob. He was the father of William Black, 16 years old, charged with an attempted attack on a young white girl.

About 150 sick American troops have been brought back from the front in Mexico, suffering from various ills due to the climatic conditions of the Sierra Madre.

The taxation committee of the reichstag has fixed the amount of the increases in the postal taxes recently proposed.

Resolutions calling upon delegates to work against any presidential candidate "not in accord with our interests" were passed at the New Jersey convention of the German-American alliance.

Simplified spelling of 12 words recommended by the National Educational association was adopted by the Philadelphia North American. The words are the, also, thru, thruout, thoro, thoroly, therefore, program, prolog, catalog, pedagog and decalog.

Fifteen hundred unorganized miners employed in 10 collieries in the Allegheny valley are on strike for an eight-hour day.

Passenger traffic on the railroads has decreased throughout the country, largely on account of the use of automobiles, according to L. F. Loree, president of the Delaware & Hudson Railroad company.

Howard Chandler Christy, New York artist of note, filed suit to divorce Mabelle Thompson Christy.

While police were searching the home of Dr. H. Brooks of Memphis, Tenn., for a burglar, the 15-year-old son, Henry P. Brooks, mistook Police-man W. Gresham for a burglar and shot him.

Angered over his wife's suit to divorce him and forced to pay alimony while it was pending William Brown, a meat cutter at Losand, Ill., entered his wife's boarding house, shot her twice and then killed himself.

Walter H. Pate, American ambassador to England, announced that an analysis of the fragments of torpedo found in the hull of the channel liner Sussex proved conclusively that the device was of German origin.

The French bark Bourbaki, which left San Francisco on Oct. 26 for Ipswich, has arrived in tow and leaking, having struck a mine.

Strong gains for the dries were made in many Nebraska towns and villages at the recent election. Returns indicate that 12 places changed from wet to dry and three from dry to wet.

The senate bill for an armor plate factory was favorably reported by the house naval committee by a vote of 16 to 6.

Clarence Hudson, alias Ernest Schiller, the German sympathizer, who single-handedly captured the British liner Matoppe at sea and compelled the crew to do his bidding, has been declared insane.

One thousand miners employed by the Ellsworth Collieries company and by the Pittsburg-Westmoreland Coal company, at Acme, have quit work. They demand an increase of 10 per cent.

Dr. Pierre Roux, director of the Pasteur institute, announced to the Academy of Science the discovery of a serum for the treatment and prevention of eruptive typhus.

The Illinois miners in convention endorsed Loula D. Brandeis for justice of the supreme court.

A. C. Beach, new head of the Grinnell (Ia.) aviation school, fell 50 feet when he lost control of his monoplane.

Suit was filed in Council Bluffs, Ia., against the estate of the late Gen. Grenville Dodge for delinquent taxes aggregating \$1,000,000.

Gov. Dunne reprieved "Big John" Murphy, negro, under sentence of death at Danville, until May 5. Murphy was sentenced to hang April 14.

The strike declared by 10,000 farmers and dairymen about Chicago has compelled 15 of the Bowman and 18 of the Borden milk plants to quit business.